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M I L I T A R YRegistration of 1906-1933 Recruit Classes in Krumovgrad

1. On 10 February 1955 a military committee, composed of at least 15 military and civilian persons, and located in the basement of the Vasil Levski school in Krumovgrad, commenced to examine all Krumovgrad Okoliya men from the 1906 to 1931 recruit classes and men from the 1932 and 1933 classes who were deferred or had paid not to serve. Each man who was to be examined received a personal summons from the committee which consisted of a white card on which was noted the date and hour of appearance before the committee and the list of documents to be brought by the recipient. These documents were the Lichen Passport, the Voenna Samolichna Knishka, certificate of birth and certificate of education.
2. The examination started with the men of the 1906 recruit class. The examination of each recruit class lasted almost an entire day. During the examination each man received a complete physical examination and measurements for clothing were taken.
3. By 20 March 1955 all men from the 1906 to 1933 classes in Lulichka, Krumovgrad Okoliya had appeared before the committee. Some residents of Lulichka who were working in Zlatograd had to come home for appearance before the committee [redacted] a similar committee was operating in Zlatograd. It was rumored that this examination was nation-wide.

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4. After examination by the committee in Krumovgrad, old military books were turned in and new ones issued to the men examined. Sick and deferred persons were not issued new military books. The new books [redacted] were smaller than the old ones and about 10 by 7 centimeters in size. They had cardboard covers similar to the Lichen Passport. The cover of the new military [redacted]

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5. The bearers photograph was pasted on the inside of the cover of the new military book. The book contained spaces for political affiliation, clothing measurements and a code for future mobilization assignment.

Trial Mobilization in Krumovgrad During Fall 1954

6. During October 1954, all Bulgarian residents of Krumovgrad were called for a trial mobilization, with the exception of the old, sick and those with sensitive jobs. Some Bulgarian moslems working in Krumovgrad and some Bulgarians from the Krumovgrad Okoliya villages were also included in the trial mobilization which was conducted by force in some cases. Approximately 400 men were mobilized [redacted] they ranged from approximately the 1900 to 1931 recruit classes. The mobilized men were gathered in the Vasil Levski school and the offices of the Krumovgrad People's Council to which entrance during this period was strictly forbidden for unauthorized persons. The following day the mobilized men were escorted by five officers to the Krumovgrad barracks where they were issued brand-new uniforms with red collar tabs, high brown shoes and breeches. The next day the men were taken out of town to an unknown destination which was rumored to be Momchilgrad. Approximately ten persons remained in the Krumovgrad barracks. During the trial mobilization which lasted about 40 days, armed civilian patrols consisting of CP (Communist Party) members patrolled the Krumovgrad streets from 1900 to 0600 or 0700 hours, in addition to the regular Militia patrols. These civilian patrols were disbanded upon termination of the trial mobilization.

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7. One day before the mobilization, about 200 horses and mules were requisitioned from Smolyan and Zlatograd Okolias and taken to Krumovgrad by approximately 20 soldiers and several officers. These animals left Krumovgrad with the mobilized men.

Restricted Zone Near Krumovgrad

8. There is a small restricted zone guarded by approximately seven soldiers of the Krumovgrad garrison located northwest of Krumovgrad at the junction of the Krumovgrad-Momchilgrad and Krumovgrad-Potechnitsa roads, approximately 200 meters from each road. The area includes five buildings used as weapons depots, three of which are one-story and approximately 10 meters long and 5 or 6 meters wide, and two of which are underground with only their roofs visible. All buildings have Marcellies red tile roofs. [] powder was stored in these buildings.

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Regular Exercises of Krumovgrad Garrison

9. On 17 March 1955 [] some troops of the Krumovgrad garrison returning to Krumovgrad barracks after routine military exercises. He saw over 1,000 troops in a kilometer-long column return from the direction of Tokachka. The soldiers were in battle-dress, wore red lapel tabs, carried full packs but did not have helmets. They were accompanied by about 50 open carts, each pulled by one or two horses or mules, and containing hay and barrels. In this formation [] about ten cannon mounted on rubber tires and pulled by two pairs of horses. Most of the soldiers carried sub-machine guns. Also observed were an unknown number of light machine guns and 20 officers riding horses.

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Soviet Military Adviser Attached to Krumovgrad Garrison

10. An unknown Soviet Lieutenant Colonel was the Soviet military adviser attached to the Krumovgrad garrison.

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Increase in State Quotas

11. In the beginning of 1955 many Bulgarian state quotas for items such as grains, butter, fodder and food, were increased. However, there was no increase in prices.
12. In 1954 the following system was started in the state storehouses. The wheat which was brought to the storehouses by the farmers was passed through a separator which separated the large, clean grain from the small grain and chaff. The state retained the former and returned the small grain and chaff to the farmers.

D O C U M E N T S

New Military Book

13. [] the new military book [] was described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, [] no special photo was required as on the Lichen Passport and the photo could be old; the book contained only six or seven white pages; it is not certain whether a dry seal or an inked stamp was used over the photo.

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